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Letter dated 31 March 2003 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism addressed to the President of the Security Council

In its resolution 1373 (2001) of 28 September 2001, the Security Council called upon all States to report to the Counter-Terrorism Committee by 27 December 2001 on the steps taken to implement that resolution, and thereafter according to a timetable set by the Committee. In the Declaration adopted by resolution 1456 (2003) of 20 January 2003, Security Council Ministers called on all States to respond promptly and fully to the Committee's requests for information, comments and questions, and to submit all outstanding first and subsequent reports by 31 March 2003 (para. 4 (i)).

The Committee had, by 31 March 2003, received 351 reports from 188 Member States and 5 others, a measure of the global commitment to action against terrorism, and of the excellent cooperation established between the Committee and the Governments of Member States.

Three States as listed in the annex to this letter have failed to meet the 31 March deadline for the submission of a report. Unlike many other States, they have not taken up the Committee's offers of guidance and advice on the preparation of a report. On behalf of the Committee, I have written twice to the States concerned, encouraging them to make contact with the Committee, its subcommittees and experts to discuss the matters surrounding the submission of a report. Representatives of the States concerned were invited to meet the relevant subcommittee. The Committee's experts have been in active contact, offering, if it would be of benefit, to explore what assistance might be available to help with the preparation of a report.

A further 41 States as listed in the annex to this letter have failed to meet the 31 March deadline for the submission of all outstanding second reports. Of this group, 32 States are more than three months late in submitting a second report.

The Committee notes the Council's request to it in paragraph 4 (i) of resolution 1456 (2003) to report regularly on progress related to States' obligation to report to the Committee, and stands ready to take any further action in this regard which the Council might demand. I suggest that this issue should be considered soon within the Security Council.

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The Committee will continue to be in contact with the States concerned and stands ready to discuss any aspect of the submission of a report, and any assistance which may be required. It continues to be of the view that the submission of timely reports is the best way in which the Committee can help States to find the assistance they may need to implement resolution 1373 (2001). The Committee, its subcommittees and experts continue to stand ready to offer assistance and guidance to States with the implementation of resolution 1373 (2001), and the submission of reports to the Committee. The Committee, subcommittees and experts can be contacted through the Committee Secretary (tel. (212) 963-3520 or (212) 457-1266; fax: (212) 457-4041; e-mail: ctc@un.org).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Jeremy **Greenstock**
Chairman
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resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism

Annex

List of late reports

1. First reports not yet submitted by Member States (3)

Sao Tome and Principe

Swaziland

Vanuatu

2. Second reports from Member States over three months late (32)

Bahamas	(19 June 2002)
Belgium	(14 June 2002)
Belize	(17 July 2002)
Benin	(8 November 2002)
Bhutan	(20 August 2002)
Botswana	(24 June 2002)
Brunei Darussalam	(27 December 2002)
Burundi	(24 July 2002)
Cape Verde	(20 August 2002)
Côte d'Ivoire	(8 November 2002)
Djibouti	(30 August 2002)
Eritrea	(27 November 2002)
Fiji	(8 November 2002)
Guyana	(27 December 2002)
Haiti	(27 November 2002)
Honduras	(30 August 2002)
Kyrgyzstan	(27 November 2002)
Madagascar	(27 November 2002)
Malawi	(27 November 2002)
Maldives	(2 December 2002)
Mali	(2 December 2002)
Micronesia	(2 December 2002)
Mozambique	(20 August 2002)
Namibia	(24 July 2002)
Niger	(2 December 2002)
Palau	(2 December 2002)
Papua New Guinea	(27 December 2002)
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	(2 December 2002)
Samoa	(15 October 2002)

Somalia	(24 June 2002)
Uganda	(15 October 2002)
Zambia	(27 December 2002)

3. Second reports from Member States less than three months late (7)

Antigua and Barbuda	(23 January 2003)
Comoros	(23 January 2003)
Ghana	(23 January 2003)
Kiribati	(23 January 2003)
Solomon Islands	(25 February 2003)
Suriname	(15 March 2003)
United Republic of Tanzania	(23 January 2003)

4. Overdue second reports from non-member States (2)

Cook Islands	(20 August 2002)
Niue	(2 December 2002)

5. Overdue third reports from Member States (8)

Albania	(25 February 2003)
Australia	(15 February 2003)
Costa Rica	(25 February 2003)
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	(15 February 2003)
Grenada	(15 March 2003)
Morocco	(30 January 2003)
Singapore	(15 February 2003)
Sri Lanka	(30 January 2003)